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The Power Of An Invite: The Reverse Invitation

- **God's Both Inviting, And He Invites**

Revelation 22:17 - *The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.*

- **Those Who Hear And Accept Reiterate The Invitation To Others**

Isaiah 55:1-3 - *Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk— it's all free! ² Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food. ³ "Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David.*

THE REVERSE INVITATION

Luke 7:36 - *One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat.*

- **There Was Something About Jesus That Compelled People To Be With Him**

1. Know What Your Target Group Finds Important.

Luke 7:33-35 - *For John the Baptist didn't spend his time eating bread or drinking wine, and you say, 'He's possessed by a demon.'³⁴ The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!'³⁵ But wisdom is shown to be right by the lives of those who follow it."*

- **They Failed To Understand God's Heart**

2. Give People A Reason To Come To You.

Luke 7:39-40 - *When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!"⁴⁰ Then Jesus answered his thoughts. "Simon," he said to the Pharisee, "I have something to say to you." "Go ahead, Teacher," Simon replied.*

3. Offer People Something Of Value Before Attempting To Close A Deal.

Luke 7:41-43 - *Then Jesus told him this story: “A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. ⁴² But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?” ⁴³ Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt.”*

- **To Be Inviting And To Invite Is The Purpose Of Everyone**